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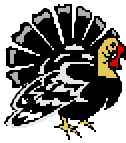
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to firm with 8-12 lb. sizes in the strongest position. Demand light to moderate consisting mostly of distributive interest. Offerings short to light and held with confidence. Demand continued active on white meat with the only exception being frozen wing meat with skin, bulk parts and rib breast demand slow to moderate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading slow with activity centered on open priced fresh thigh meat for September shipments. Inquiry continued to be noted from Mexico and Russia. Offerings short to adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 25, 2005**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-81	75-80	77.27	22	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	AUG-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-81	74	74.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	75	75.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	AUG-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	74	74.00	20	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-78	78	78.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF AUGUST 26, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	77.55	75.90 **	74.50
CENTRAL REGION	77.20 **	75.50	73.96
WESTERN REGION	74.00	75.70 **	73.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	75.50	74.50 **	74.00
CENTRAL REGION	78.00	74.00 **	73.91
WESTERN REGION	74.00	74.50 **	73.00 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	116-129

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Aug 29, 2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	85.16	373,000
16-24 lbs.	82.06	51,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	439,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 20-Aug-2005 (Preliminary)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>		<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>
North East	758	2	22.86	(A) 759	22.86
South Atlantic	704	9	32.20	(A) 704	32.20
North Central	2,154	-2	30.27	(A) 2,154	30.27
South Central	669	-6	17.43	(A) 669	17.43
West	354	1	24.43	(A) 354	24.43
U.S. total	4,639(B)	0	27.05	1 4,640	27.05

To-date

2005 142,345(B) 122 142,467

To-date

2004 142,425(B) 252 142,677

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 19,000; for the current year to date 782,000; for last year to date 1,662,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

July	416,276*
August 1 - 20, 2005	301,613*

To date 2005 3,266,106*

To date 2004 3,212,200*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 20-Aug-2005	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	Thousands				
Head	1,929	2,691	19	1	4,640
Avg Wt	15.68	35.21	25.64	42.67	27.05
Last week	2,000	2,603	37	3	4,643
Same wk yr ago	1,760	2,647	85	13	4,505
Avg Wt	15.65	35.49	22.62	23.63	27.46
To-date/2005	57,135	84,428	782	122	142,467
To-date/2004	57,081	83,682	1,662	252	142,677

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 25 AUGUST 2005.

The market tone on tom drums was cautiously steady to steady, tom necks and full-cut wings cautiously steady to steady, and tom 2-joint wings steady to firm. Demand moderate to good on tom 2-joint wings, balance light to moderate. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings short, tom drums adequate to fully adequate, tom necks and full-cut wings spotty but adequate. Trading slow to moderate and centered on white meat for domestic shipments and on frozen thigh meat for October export deliveries. For domestic: frozen -20% mechanically separated turkey -90 days age 24, fresh tom wings 33, fresh wing meat with skin 77, Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts 111 delivered October, fresh breast trim 161-162 cents delivered. For export: ground thigh trim 42, frozen 40 lb. bulk -85% lean ground turkey 52, frozen thigh meat 87.50 (October), scapula 102 cents shipping point.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	109.60	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00-165.00		158.33	21
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	105.00		105.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	49.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	51.00	30
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	32.46	52
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	40.00		40.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	116.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	33.00	80
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	195.67	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	212.00-216.00		214.90	200
THIGH MEAT		T	90.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	90.00-91.00		90.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	159.00-160.00		159.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT		F	106.29	28
TENDERLOINS		R	157.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	178.00		178.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	190.00		190.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	58.00		58.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		M	28.00	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	48.00		48.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	33.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	25.50		25.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	26.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	89.00		89.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on frozen wing meat with skin was mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady, balance of white meat steady to firm with breast trim, tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins in the strongest positions. Demand on frozen wing meat with skin light, balance moderate to good. Offerings of frozen wing meat with skin light to instances ample, balance light at best. A few reports starting to be noted of live weights starting to recover from the last heat wave in some parts of the country. Trading heavy on fresh and frozen tom breast meat for domestic shipments, balance slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh wing meat 84, fresh scapula 111, Grade A basted 8-10 lb. breasts 120 and 12-14 lb. breasts 150 cents delivered. For export: fresh thigh meat 88 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.33	21	153.86	37
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	105.00		105.00	40	104.25	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	47.00-48.00		47.27	45	48.08	85
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	48.00		48.00	40	48.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	32.46	52	32.46	52
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	34.00		34.00	41	34.00	41
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	42.00		42.00	6	43.30	246
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	116.00	40	116.00	40
NECKS, TOM		W	33.00	80	33.67	120
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	194.00-195.00		194.78	360	194.90	420
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	213.00-216.00		214.13	600	213.46	1,080
THIGH MEAT		T	90.00	40	90.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	90.50	80	90.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	159.67	120	160.29	280
SCAPULA MEAT	105.00		105.00	20	105.00	20
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	178.00	40	178.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	59.00		59.00	20	58.06	340
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	197.00-198.00		197.75	160	197.62	242
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	26.00-29.00		27.18	65	27.71	185
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	48.00	40	48.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	33.33	120		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	25.50	40	25.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	28.00		28.00	40	28.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	89.00	40	89.50	80

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